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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection 27-102n of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Department of
4 Veterans' Affairs. The board shall be comprised of the commissioner
5 and sixteen members who by education or experience shall be
6 qualified in health care, business management, social services or law
7 and who shall have a demonstrated interest in the concerns of
8 veterans. A majority of the members of the board shall be veterans,
9 including veterans of World War II, the Korean hostilities and the
10 Vietnam era. Members shall be appointed as follows: Ten by the
11 Governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and one
12 member each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker
13 of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate and
14 the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority
15 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, whose term shall be coterminous with the term of the

17 appointing authority. Members shall be sworn to the faithful
 18 performance of their duties. They shall receive no compensation for
 19 their services but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in
 20 the performance of their duties.

21 (b) The board shall meet at least quarterly and upon the call of the
 22 commissioner. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

23 (c) The board shall advise and assist the commissioner in the
 24 operation of the Veterans' Home, the veterans' advocacy and assistance
 25 unit, the administration, expansion or modification of existing
 26 programs and services of the department and the development of new
 27 programs and services.

28 (d) The board shall review and approve any regulations prior to
 29 adoption by the commissioner concerning: (1) Procedures relating to
 30 admission and discharge or transfer of veterans in the home; (2) a per
 31 diem fee schedule for programs, services and benefits provided
 32 therein; and (3) the participation of eligible family members in
 33 programs or services provided by the home.

34 (e) The board shall submit an annual report to the Governor, [and
 35 to] the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 36 cognizance of matters relating to public safety and the select
 37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 38 relating to military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the
 39 provisions of section 11-4a, on its activities with its recommendations,
 40 if any, for improving the delivery of services to veterans and the
 41 addition of new programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-102n

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